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1	4.	I have been asked to provide an opinion regarding Plaintiff's ability to assist his	
2	lawyer in the above referenced matter. My opinion appears below.		
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4		OPINION	
5	5.	Based upon my evaluations and Dr. McDonough's testing, I believe Plaintiff is	
6	competent insofar as many everyday concerns. He is not a danger to himself and can manage		
7	affairs within defined parameters.		
8	6.	However, Plaintiff sometimes requires overseeing due to memory lapses.	
9	7.	Plaintiff's short-term memory loss has been verified through testing by Dr.	
10	McDonough.		
11	8.	For instance, Plaintiff's driver's license has been removed at the recommendation of	
12	his neurologist, Mark N. Sadoff, M.D.		
13	9.	With respect to the complexities of a lawsuit, it is my opinion Plaintiff does not have	
14	the capacity to keep in mind all aspects of his case, simultaneously, on all occasions, when assisting		
15	his counsel.		
16	10.	Therefore, I conclude Plaintiff cannot effectively assist counsel to the degree	
17	necessary to ensure that the best interests of his case are protected.		
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19	RECOMMENDATION		
20	11.	As Plaintiff's treating neuropsychologist it is my recommendation that, although	
21	Plaintiff has ongoing competencies, he cannot be relied upon in every instance as an effective		
22	assistant to Mr. Gill so as to protect his case.		
23	12.	Therefore, I recommend a guardian ad litem be appointed to act for Plaintiff.	
24	13.	However, I also recommend Plaintiff stay involved with his case to the extent he is	
25	capable of participating.		
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1	14.	I can be of any further assistance in connection with my recommendation or if
2	further guidance	is needed from a neuropsychological perspective, please do not hesitate to contact
3	mc.	
4	II I	under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States the foregoing is true
5	and correct and	hat this affidavit was executed on this <u>O</u> ay of April, 2008, at San Diego,
6	California.	
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